Board Agenda Item

TO: Air Pollution Control District Board

FROM: Terry Dressler, Air Pollution Control Officer

CONTACT: Ron Tan (961-8812),
Bill Dillon, Deputy County Counsel (569-2950)

SUBJECT: Execute Off-Road Equipment Replacement Program Grant Agreement with Acquistapace Farms, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Execute a Grant Agreement AP101109 with Acquistapace Farms, Inc. of Santa Maria in an amount not to exceed $200,000 toward the replacement of a 1981 John Deere agricultural tractor with a 2011 John Deere agricultural tractor under the District’s Carl Moyer Program.

SUMMARY:

On October 21, 2010, your Board authorized the District to implement a new Off-Road Equipment Replacement Program (ORERP) to augment the District’s current Carl Moyer diesel engine repower and retrofit programs. As in the current Moyer Program, grants authorized for execution by the Control Officer under the ORERP remain limited to a not-to-exceed amount of $150,000. Because the subject Grant Agreement with Acquistapace Farms, Inc. is for a not to exceed amount of $200,000, staff is requesting that your Board execute the attached Grant Agreement AP101109 with Acquistapace Farms, Inc.
DISCUSSION:

On October 21, 2010, your Board authorized the District to implement a new Off-Road Equipment Replacement Program (ORERP) to augment the District’s current Carl Moyer diesel engine repower and retrofit programs. The Carl Moyer program pays an incremental cost for clean air projects that are early, or surplus, to regulatory requirement. The ORERP provides an incentive for a Santa Barbara County owner of off-road equipment to voluntarily replace existing off road mobile equipment powered by an older, high polluting diesel engine with new off road mobile equipment powered by a cleaner, EPA and ARB certified diesel engine earlier than would have been expected through normal attrition. The District administers this new program consistent with the current ARB approved Carl Moyer Guidelines. As in the current Moyer Program, grants authorized for execution by the Control Officer under the ORERP remain limited to a not-to-exceed amount of $150,000. Because the ORERP Grant Agreement is for a not to exceed amount of $200,000, staff is requesting that your Board execute Grant Agreement AP101109 with Acquistapace Farms, Inc. of Santa Maria in an amount not to exceed $200,000 toward the replacement of a 1981 John Deere model 8640 agricultural tractor with a 2011 John Deere model 8310RT agricultural tractor under the District’s Carl Moyer Program.

This grant agreement does not change the District’s fiscal year 2011-12 budget.

The attached Grant Agreement was reviewed and approved by Risk Management, the Auditor-Controller and County Counsel.

Attachments:

1. Grant Agreement with Acquistapace Farms, Inc. for Off-Road Equipment Replacement Program project AP101109